GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:869
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MANUFACTURING OF NON-ISI MINI GAS CYLINDERS
MANJAY LAL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether testing facilities in units manufacturing mini gas cylinders for cooking and lighting purposes is an essential condition for grant of licence ;

(b) if so, whether large number of unlicenced factories to manufacture Mini Gas Cylinders are operating particularly in Meerut District of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether the Government are aware about deaths of many persons due to bursting of mini gas cylinders, as reported in Newspapers during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by the Government or propose to be taken to prevent manufacturing of non-ISI mini gas cylinders in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) Mini cylinder manufacturers are required to obtain NOC from CCOE and a certificate from BIS. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are procuring cylinders from the approved cylinder manufacturers having the statutory clearances from CCOE and BIS. Oil Industry do not procure mini cylinders. However, this Ministry received some complaints relating to illegal manufacturing of mini cylinders in Meerut (U.P.) and State Government was advised to conduct surprise raids on the premises of illegal manufacturers and take appropriate action.